Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 May 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 May 2023 at 15:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy but mostly dry conditions on Saturday and then for settled conditions to become established with lighter winds as high pressure builds over Scotland.

Headline for Saturday 27 May 2023: Windy. Mostly cloudy with a little rain for a time. Sunny later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG		FOG				
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy	Light rain	Sunny	Sunny
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	30%	30%	50%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 27 May 2023

Weather: Clear spells in the east but cloudy with patchy rain in west overnight. Some brightness at first over the Cairngorms, otherwise cloudy with a little rain at times, mainly over ranges west of the A9. Dry, brighter conditions with some sunshine arriving from the northwest from around mid-afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in west, 60% in east, becoming 90% during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor at times in rain or drizzle with areas of cloud and fog, bases 600 to 800m, but just patchy cover over the Cairngorms. Significant improvement from mid-afternoon with cloud clearing and visibility becoming mainly excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/27 SW	24/32 SW	27/35 W	31/41 W	34/46 W	31/43 W	27/39 NW	22/32 NW	20/27 NW
900	15/18 SW	20/26 SW	22/29 SW	23/31 W	29/39 W	27/37 W	24/34 NW	18/26 W	13/20 NW
600	8/13 SW	11/16 SW	17/24 SW	16/24 W	22/32 W	19/29 W	19/28 W	12/20 W	9/15 W
300	6/13 SW	7/17 SW	11/22 SW	13/27 SW	15/31 W	14/29 W	13/27 NW	9/18 W	6/15 W
Glen	2/11 SW	2/13 SW	3/14 SW	6/23 SW	8/29 W	8/25 W	6/22 W	4/17 W	3/13 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/-1	4/-2	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	4/-2	3/-4	-1/-8	-2/-9
900	7/3	6/1	5/-0	6/1	7/1	7/2	6/1	3/-3	1/-4
600	9/7	8/5	8/4	9/5	9/6	10/7	9/5	6/2	4/1
300	10/9	9/7	10/8	12/9	13/10	13/10	11/8	8/5	6/4
Glen	9/9	8/8	10/9	13/12	15/12	15/12	12/10	8/6	5/4
Freezing Level*	2100m	2100m	2200m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1200m	1100m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Cold and windy on the tops. Gusts of 50mph on ridges and high plateau making walking arduous at times with a risk of being blown off balance.

Forecast for Sunday 28 May 2023

Weather: Clear spells overnight with winds easing. Sunday will be dry with long bright or sunny spells but high cloud making the sunshine rather hazy at times. Becoming quite warm after a chilly start.

Maximum wind: West turning Northwest 10 to 15mph, but 20mph gusts 30mph overnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 95%.

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility expected with any cloud well above the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3C rising to 16 or 17C.
At 800m: Plus 2C rising to 10C.
Freezing level: Above summits, but 900m overnight.

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